

// A special meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg, recessed from March 29, was held on the 5th day of April, 2005, at 7:00 P.M., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Carl B. Hutcherson, Jr., President, presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct public hearings regarding the proposed real property tax increase, the FY2006 Proposed Budget and the 2006-2010 Capital Improvements Program. The following Members were present:

Present: Gillette, Helgeson, Johnson, Seiffert, Hutcherson 5

Absent: Dodson, Foster 2

// A public hearing was held regarding the proposed real property tax increase. Two individuals questioned the recent high reassessment of their properties suggesting that future reassessments be tied to social security increases. One individual suggested that the City consider a cap on assessed value of no greater than 1%, while another individual recommended implementation of a fee on City employees who do not live in the City. One individual commented that some of the older, large homes may not be assessed high enough. There was no one else present who wished to speak, and the public hearing was closed.

// A public hearing was held regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 Budgets of the City Government, Public Schools, Water, Sewer, Solid Waste, Airport and Other Funds, and the Proposed 2006-2010 Capital Improvements Program. Ms. Cynthia Coles, representing the Central Virginia Area Agency on Aging, along with five other individuals requested financial support for the Agency, citing the benefits of the various programs the Agency provides to the elderly. Mr. Bill Godsey, President of the Lynchburg Education Association, along with two other individuals requested additional funding to the Schools for salary increases for teachers and teacher assistants. Mr. Wayne Sloop, representing Big Brothers Big Sisters, requested financial support for the agency, citing the benefits of the mentoring program to the City's youth. One individual suggested a tax on city employees who do not live in the City as a source of additional income. Mr. Wally Sabin, Lynchburg Area Center for Independent Living, citing a gap in services asked that the General Relief Program be restored. Ms. Doris Brammer, President of the CASA Board, requested financial support for CASA. Two individuals spoke in support of the Police Department's request for additional police officers. One individual cited health concerns from the smoke generated by individuals who are burning trash/garbage and asked that the trash tag system be eliminated. There was no one else present who wished to speak, and the public hearing was closed.

// The meeting was recessed at 8:08 p.m. to April 12, 1:00 p.m., to conduct a work session regarding finalizing the proposed FY 2006 Budget.

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Clerk of Council